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AN INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PFLP LEADER GEORGE HABBASH APPEARS
IN LE QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS OF JULY 24. AN EMBASSY TRANSLA-
TION OF SOME OF HIS REPLIES FOLLOWS:

"...FOR US THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE ISRAEL EVACUATE IS
TO USE FORCE. WE BELIEVE IN A PEOPLES' LIBERATION
FIGHT FOR IN THE EYES OF OPINION, IT IS CLEAR THAT
ISRAEL HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM
THESE TERRITORIES.

"MOREOVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT IF ISRAEL AGREED
THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRIT-
ORIES, ISRAEL WOULD EXACT AN UNACCEPTABLE PRICE. BUT
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NOW SADAT HAS ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND HE HAS AL-

READY PAID DEARLY IN SHOWING THAT HE IS PREPARED TO
RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMACY AND THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL
WITHIN ITS 1967 BORDERS. WE VIOLENTLY REJECT SUCH A
CONCESSION FOR, AS PALESTINIANS, WE CONSIDER THAT THE
LAND OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1948 IS ARAB LAND JUST AS
SINAI AND THE GOLAN ARE. WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY CONCES-
SION OF AN INCH OF PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND IT IS
HERE THAT WE ARE IN DISAGREEMENT WITH SADAT'S POLICY...

"THE ARAB POPULATIONS CATEGORICALLY REFUSE TO PAY
SUCH A PRICE TO AMERICA IN EXCHANGE FOR ISRAELI WITH-
DRAWAL. FOR THESE POPULATIONS THERE EXISTS ANOTHER WAY
TO FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW: THAT WAY IS BATTLE, WITH-
OUT THE LEAST CONCESSION TO ISRAEL AND AMERICAN
IMPERIALISM...

"THE ARAB MASSES REJECT ANY RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL
AND IF SADAT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL HE HIMSELF IS REJECTED
BY THE MASSES. SADAT THUS CAN ONLY BE THE SPOKESMAN
OF TRAITOROUS AND REACTIONARY ARAB GOVERNMENTS LIKE
HIMSELF... THE DAY WILL COME WHEN IT WILL BE CLEARLY
SHOWN THAT SADAT IS ACTING AGAINST THE WILL OF THE
ARAB NATION...

"AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF BALANCE OF FORCES, ANY
AGREEMENT CONCLUDED, BE IT BY THE INTERMEDIARY OF THE
"LITTLE STEPS" OR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, CAN ONLY BE IN
FAVOR OF ISRAEL, GUARANTEEING ITS MAINTENANCE AND ITS
RECOGNITION WITHIN SECURE BORDERS, THUS BOWING TO THE
PRESSURE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM...

"AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS LEADING THE ACTIONS AGAINST
US AND THE CIA IS CHARGED WITH ATTACKING US. WE HAVE
ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THAT IN JORDAN IN 1969, 1970 AND
1971. THE PHALANGISTS OF LEBANON ARE A RIGHT WING
PARTY EXPLOITED BY THE CIA TO STRIKE AT THE PALESTINE
RESISTANCE...

"IF THE PLO ADOPTS A POSITION FAVORING SADAT OR
ENTERS INTO THE AMERICAN GAME OR TAKES POSITIONS
CONTRARY TO PALESTINIAN INTERESTS, IT WILL NOT
REPRESENT THE PALESTINIAN MASSES."

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